

Charges

There are no charges or fees for counselling services.

Consumer rights

For Information regarding client rights and responsibilities please refer to the "Client's rights and responsibilities brochure"

Hours of business

9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

Some after hours appointments are available.

Referral

Young people who have sexually abused or harassed (and their families or caregivers) may be referred by:

- parents, caregivers or the young people themselves
- police, Youth Court, Family Conference Team
- Family and Youth Services
- health and welfare workers
- schools, churches and other community groups

Where to find us

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Information for Consumers and Service Providers

Adolescent Sexual Abuse Prevention Program

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MARY STREET

Mary Street is a prevention program which promotes safety in families and communities by helping young people to stop sexual abuse and sexual harassment of others.

Mary Street provides counselling and help for adolescents and their families or caregivers to assist young people to:

- take responsibility to stop sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- make restitution to help heal the harm caused by sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- respect others and develop appropriate relationships
- build self-respect and confidence
- make sexuality respectful and positive

Most young people we see have their offences investigated by police or other authorities and may have faced police charges with attendance at Family Conference or Youth Court. We do not offer an alternative to legal intervention but work co-operatively with police, courts, welfare agencies and schools to achieve an outcome:

- which puts priority on the safety and well-being of younger children and those at risk
- which encourages the young person to take responsibility for their actions
- which is fair for all people concerned
- which is respectful for the young person

Mary Street also provides:

- assessments for Youth court
- assessments to assist statutory organisations such as FAYS to plan for safe family contact and family reconciliation
- training and consultation for health, welfare, justice and education workers
- consultation regarding policy development concerning prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in organisations which deal with young people.

Who can attend?

Young people aged 12 -18 years who:

- have committed a sexual offence
- have engaged in inappropriate or offensive sexual behaviour
- have sexually harassed others